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SUBJECT: PUERTO RICO IN COMMITTEE OF 24

1. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MIKLOS CALLED IN AFGHAN AMBASSADOR NOOR AUGUST 24 TO DISCUSS ISSUE OF PUERTO RICO IN COMMITTEE OF 24. MIKLOS EMPHASIZED SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH PRESIDENT AND USG VIEWED THIS MATTER AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT DRA, WHICH OCCUPIES CRITICAL AND IMPORTANT POSITION IN COMMITTEE OF 24, WOULD SHARE OUR VIEW THAT STATUS OF PUERTO RICO IS INAPPROPRIATE FOR DISCUSSION IN THE UN AND WOULD NOT PERMIT ITEM TO BE PLACED ON AGENDA OR DISCUSSED IN UNGA. MIKLOS ALSO EXPLAINED THAT US IS NOT INDIFFERENT TO POSSIBILITY THAT PUERTO RICO MAY WANT TO CHANGE ITS STATUS AND POINTED OUT THAT PRESIDENT RECENTLY MADE CLEAR WE WOULD SUPPORT WHATEVER DECISION PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO WISH TO MAKE, NOTING THAT ANOTHER REFERENDUM ON THIS ISSUE IS SCHEDULED IN PUERTO RICO FOR 1980.
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2. NOOR REPLIED THAT HE WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE DETAILS OF THE PUERTO RICO ISSUE BUT STATED THAT THE POLICIES OF THE DRA ARE CLEAR TO THE WHOLE WORLD AND DRA WOULD ALWAYS FOLLOW PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION. HE ALSO VIEWED UN AS FORUM WHERE ALL ISSUES AFFECTING MANKIND COULD PROPERLY BE DISCUSSED. NOOR SAID HE WOULD CONVEY THE USG POSITION

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TO HIS GOVERNMENT AND REPORT BACK ANY REPLY. CHRISTOPHER

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